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Sunday Sept 26. 75

My own beloved Sarah - I shall write
you briefly this time. for in order to get
away from here ~~tomorrow~~ I must do many
things - You ~~will~~ will have rec^d. a letter
from Adeline ~~last~~ last Wednesday - but
I adhere to my rule of writing little or much
or nothing once a week - so if you do not
receive in order - you need not be troubled.
but infer that the mail or anything
else but delinquency or illness is the cause.

The 3rd. bet was not a success - &
so Friday I knocked it - into high low
jack & the game - Annie says Mr. Kren
often does so with his work when there
is nobody by to give him counsel - & thinks
his absence in Paris on that day was
at the bottom of my escapade. I think
not. Last Evng. one of the artists - who
spends his summers here in one of the
charming places of the village - visited
us. An interesting man with whom we
blundered thro much entertaining matter.

Tomorrow we start for Paris. There
if this equinoctial war draws in - for
Rome - but at the end of a week we
may return here - at least we leave
matters so that we may - & have another
glimpse at that head. so I have still some
disposable time - & Abby wd. like to work
a little longer at the ^{sculpture} models - You will
send letters - please - ~~Write to Adeline until~~
~~Sept. to my Studio Paris -~~ After this
to Rue Vauquard 59. Paris.

I wonder if Mrs. Cheney & Brad
recd my letter - in it I asked them
to send an article enclosed to Mrs.
Fields. but she makes no mention
of it. It is of no consequence. I
will put in this envelope perhaps
my reply to Mrs. Fields - if so will
you be so good as to forward it.

Yesterday I read in the Advertiser
an article wt from Mineral Currier
must have been Gould's own about his
statue of Andrew. I saw the plaster
model at his place in Florence - it
was very bad. What is really the opinion
concerning it of the English people who
knew the Gov.? A dear - it is really
miserable. & makes one feel as if all
the walks of life were merely highways
of moonshine. ~~Disappointed~~ ^{think of the}
~~disappointed~~ ^{public} of the
highly public of U. S. of America! -
Mr. Soyuz said of a bust. It won't please
the grocers (meaning said public) but it will
please the artists. Thanks to Grecians I
have a crust now to live upon & can work
for the latter. It makes one feel very
jolly - you may be sure. However one
talks & talks. but the best thing to be
got out of work is the work itself - & so
in the great commonwealth of labor all

kinds of workers - bad & good. get
their remuneration. & the price
even of French artists is secondary to
the glow of healthy activity.

You are much mistaken
my Sarah if you think this silk
of mine is good for on or two years -
it cuts sweats in all the creases -
& I have worn it but little this summer.

We are both in excellent health.
but I think I am over & the great
bell - & the quaint old houses
& all the memorials of the times
of the Conqueror & our Norman an-
cestors will be moving. I have
not yet written to Mary Shannon. but
I think of it & for more than I
did. & I shall yet achieve it.

I am glad to have mention now
& then of our Aunt Sarah & her
small republic & to know that
she claims in or for occasionally.

Best love to Mother. Carry sell -

I read in the paper that Jm. Rogers
has at last sunk to rest.

The mail allows less weight here
than the other side - I have sent my
letter to Manchester.